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Cloverbud Cowpokes

Have you ever dreamed of being a cowboy? Then here is the chance for all you Cloverbuds out there to fulfill your dreams, because on June 10 at the Market Building (from 9 a.m. to 12 noon) all kids ages 5 – 9 are invited to join in the 4-H Summer Fun. At this camp, the cost is only \$3.50, and everyone will make a mop pony, a “campfire treat”, and participate in a “horse show” at the end.

Attack of the overnights! Camp for your lives!

The definition of overnight camps in the 4-H dictionary is ‘the opportunity to have even more fun through the 4-H Summer Experience’. So you better start packing your bags, because you won’t be able to wait to leave.

All the camps are open to youth in York, Chester, and Lancaster counties, and 4-H membership is not required.

Tree Tops 4-H Summer Camp: the opportunities to have fun are endless at the beautiful Tree Tops camping facility in Van Wyck, South Carolina. Whether you want to swim, fish, canoe, and hike, do crafts, have a campfire, or just relax and stay in your cabin, this two day camping experience has all the fun of summer camp. To participate in this wonderful outdoor bonanza, you must have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades. The cost is \$45 early bird price; after May 18 the cost is \$50. The camp will be held June 18-19 and there is a limit of 48 people, so sign up soon.

Tree Tops Adventure Camp: this camp is for you older people, and is a little more intrepid. You can, however, still go swimming, canoeing, hiking, and do crafts...and more. To qualify for this summer safari of fun, you must have completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. The cost is \$85 for the early bird price; \$45 deposit is due upon registration, balance due June 15. The cost becomes \$100 after June 15, so signing up early is worth it. The camp will be held on June 30-July 2 Tree Tops. There is another limit of 48 people, though, so sign up soon.

WILD at Tree Tops: if you love the outdoors as much as I do, than this camp is yours. Some of the special activities being held are hunter and gun safety, wildlife habitats, canoeing, fishing, night hikes, trapping, campfires, and bird calling. This camp is for naturalists 10-14, and will be held on July 8-10. The cost is \$150 early bird price, and \$175 for anything turned in after June 8th. On this camp out, the limit is only 20 people; so if you want to go, sign up soon.

Cooking and Crafts

Learn the basics of cooking and make several take home crafts. The camp is for ages 9-13, and is \$15 per child, \$13 for siblings. It will be held in Chester at the Market Building, from 9am-12 noon on June 17-19. The limit is 12 people, so please hurry and sign up!

Make My Own Sewing Camp

Sew your own outfit. Learn how to use a sewing machine, and complete a fun-filled project. This camp is for ages 9-14, and has as a tentative location Armenia Methodist Church in Lowrys. The cost is \$12 per child, \$10 for siblings. It will be held from June 16-18, starting at 9am and ending at 12 noon.

Fun on the Fairgrounds Safety Day

Kids will learn about safety in fun, hands on workshops at the Union County Fairgrounds. This camp is open to all kids in Chester, Lancaster, York and Union counties. Lunch will be provided. The ages for this camp are from 6-14, and the cost is \$3 per and child and parent/guardian. The date is June 16, from 8:30am until 2:30pm. The limit is 150 people, so sign up now and beat the rush.

'Bee' Creative at the Library

This camp is all about reading, snacking, crafts, and learning about nature! For tots ages 2-5, it starts at 10am; for 6-12 year olds, it starts at 11am. The program is free, and is being offered in many places. It will be held at the Chester Library on June 15 and July 13, the Lewisville Library on June 17 and July 15, and the Great Falls Library on June 18 and July 16.

Breads Workshop

This is the best camp since sliced bread! Learn to make muffins and other types of bread, and enjoy it, too! For ages 9-14, the camp is \$3 per person, and is being held on June 18 from 1pm to 3:30 pm at the Great Falls Memorial Building. The limit is 10 people, so reserve your spot today!

To register for any of these camps, go to www.clemson.edu/chester, or call 803-385-6181, Ext. 114.

The Bee Corner

When you see bees foraging, their intent is not actually to pollinate flowers. Their intent is to gather nectar, which is a sugar water that plants produce. When they visit a flower, they are trying to gather nectar so that they can make honey. The fact that they have pollen stick to them is a side effect that benefits the bees just as much as the flowers; they make a substance called beebread out of honey and pollen that they feed to the baby bees.

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